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FOR SHINN FROM MATLOCK

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: OGEN
SUBJECT: OFFICIAL-INFORMAL

1. REGARDING CONGRESIONAL LETTERS TO SOVIET OFFICIALS, CONGRESSMAN SOLARZ' MAY 15 AND 16 LETTERS TO BREZHNEV AND HEAD OF OVIR OBIDIN RESPECTIVELY HAVE BEEN RETURNED WITHOUT COMMENT BY THE FOREIGN MINISTRY. IT SEEMS CLEAR NOW THAT LETTERS FROM AMERICAN REPRESENTATIVES ADDRESSED TO SOVIET OFFICIALS ABOUT EMIGRATION FOR ISRAEL (AND PRESUMABLY ON OTHER MATTERS FOR WHICH WE HAVE NO CONSULAR STANDING) WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED BY MFA. THIS BEING THE CASE, WE THINK IT ADVISABLE AT EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO INFORM PEOPLE ON THE HILL OF THIS SITUATION AND TO SUGGEST THAT THEIR MESSAGES PROBABLY WILL MAKE MORE OF AN IMPRESSION IF THEY ARE SENT CARE OF AMBASSADOR DOBRYNIN. THEN, AT LEAST, IF THE LETTERS ARE RETURNED, THE CONGRESSMEN WILL HAVE SOMEONE AT HAND TO COMPLAIN TO.

2. WE ARE RETURNING CONGRESSMAN SOLARZ' LETTERS TO THE DESK IN THE SAME CONDITION THEY WERE RETURNED TO US BY MFA. CONGRESSWOMAN FENWICK'S LETTER TO
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SHCHELOKHOV AT THE "MINISTRY OF INTERIOR," WITH A COPY TO TRIFONOV AT OVIR, AND CONGRESSMAN BURTON'S LETTERS TO BREZHNEV AND SHCHELOKHOV ABOUT SLEPAK, FALL INTO THE SAME CATEGORY AS SOLARZ' SO WE CAN EXPECT THEY TOO WILL BE RETURNED. IT APPEARS CONGRESSMAN BURTON'S LETTER TO USTINOV ABOUT THE PLIGHT OF SERGEY SHCHASTLIVYI IS OBE'D BY THE CONGRESSMAN'S SUBSEQUENT

LETTER OF THANKS TO DOBRYNIN FOR SERGEY'S EMIGRATION
(A COPY FOR OBIDIN IS IN OUR COLLECTION OF LETTERS).
WE ARE RETURNING THE USTINOV LETTER FOR DISPOSAL AT
YOUR DISCRETION. CONGRESSMAN GRADISON'S LETTER TO
BREZHNEV ABOUT THE KATZ CHILD IS SIGNED BY 92 MEMBERS
OF THE CONGRESS, AND IT WILL BE INTERESTING TO SEE
IF THE MFA WILL NONETHELESS BUCK IT BACK.

3. PER YOUR REQUEST (STATE 154416) WE ARE RETURNING
A COPY OF THE FENWICK LETTER. THE DRAFTER AND TYPIST'S
INITIALS ON THE LETTER ARE MF:SMK.

4. RE STATE 156980, WE APPRECIATE YOUR EFFORTS TO
INSURE APPROPRIATE EMBASSY PARTICIPATION IN HEALTH
MATTERS INVOLVING HEW AND THE SOVIETS. GREENBERG
WOULD BE DELIGHTED TO PARTICIPATE IN ITS WHO/UNICEF
CONFERENCE AT ALMA-ATA NEXT SEPTEMBER. PLEASE KEEP
US INFORMED OF EMBASSY SUPPORT REQUIREMENTS FOR SENATOR
KENNEDY AND DR. BOURNE DURING THEIR VISIT HERE.

5. IN CASE ANYONE IS KEEPING COUNT, OUR REQUESTS FOR
MEETINGS WITH A NUMBER OF SOVIET MINISTRIES HAVE
DRAWN NO RESPONSE IN RECENT MONTHS. MINISTRY OF CHEMICAL
INDUSTRIES HAS REFUSED A MEETING EVEN THOUGH WE
WANTED TO DISCUSS COMMERCIAL EXHIBITION. MINISTRIES
OF RAILROADS, FERROUS METTALURGY, TRANSPORT CONSTRUCTION
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AND COAL HAVE FAILED TO REPLY. STATE COMMITTEE ON
LABOR AND WAGES HAS AGREED TO MEET US ON FOUR(4)
OCCASIONS BUT EACH TIME HAS CANCELLED A FEW HOURS
BEFORE SCHEDULED MEETING GIVING VARIOUS PRETEXTS.

6. REF STATE 156980, JEFF WHITE PLANS TO REPORT IN
EUR/EX ON JULY 27. MATLOCK

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